

Edmonton Bulletin.

Vol. II.

EDMONTON, N.W.T., SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1882.

No. 20.

LOCAL.

WEATHER lovely.

TREES are beginning to bud.

Roads still bad, but improving.

WALTER expects to have his ferry scow running to-day.

MR. R. HARDISTY is confined to his bed by rheumatism.

FRANK HART was progressing favorably at last accounts.

RIVER clear of ice, but lots of it piled against the banks at each side.

VILLIERS & PEARSON have nearly cleared out their stock of goods, \$23,000 worth.

CONSIDERABLE speculation here just now in Manitoba half-breed scrip and minor's claims.

W. MAJOR has gone out on the line again. He will fix it up as far as Grizzly Bear coulee.

A WIRE cable is to be brought up for the Ft. Saskatchewan ferry during the coming season.

BETWEEN ten and twelve thousand rats were traded last winter in Edmonton besides those traded by the H. B. Co. and R. Logan.

W. CURT will put in at least 240 acres of crop this season—100 acres at his Big Lake farm and 140 at the Sturgeon river place.

J. R. MATHESON got back from Lac la Biche on Thursday. He reports the roads bad and creeks high between Victoria and Edmonton.

THE ice on the river after long delay caused by the low water, finally moved out on Thursday afternoon. The water fell still lower after the ice went out.

THE school in the Lower Settlement, held in J. Kirkness' house, was closed yesterday for the season. The average attendance was seventeen. J. Murphy, teacher.

THE names of the two men whose claims were purchased lately by R. McKernan are Emileau and Selvais, not Hamlin and Selwyn, as stated elsewhere in this paper.

BROWN & CURRY baled for shipment on Friday last three otter skins, having an average length of six feet. They were all caught near the H. B. Co. horse guard at Sturgeon river.

M. BREDIN wants to get out a warrant against A. V. Anderson for wilfully, maliciously, etc., removing his rails, and Anderson wants to get another out against Bredin for assault.

THE Edmonton Mills are sawing and grinding alternately. The H. B. Co. saw mill has shut down, having cut all the logs on hand. They will commence again as soon as logs can be got down the river.

THE school trustees now owe \$150 on account of teachers' salary for three months. Part is due to the estate of the late J. R. Harris and part to E. Langrell, the present teacher. As the government money is not available at present the whole amount will have to be raised by the people here. Those interested in the cause of education will please take notice and act accordingly. Nearly one hundred dollars have been raised already.

O. BELLEROSE, in charge of the H.B.Co. post at Lac la Nonne, arrived here on Tuesday last. He reports that the party bound for Peace River, McCrae, Hayes, Lloyd and McCorrister, had sent their four oxen on to Slave lake by land from the old crossing of the Pembina in charge of a halfbreed named Abram, a one-armed man, and his wife. When he had got nearly to the A'habasca he was overtaken by a young Lac la Nonne Indian, who shot one of the oxen. Abram turned back to inform the party of the loss of their ox but they had started down the river before he got there. He came on and informed Mr. Bellerose, who brought the news here. The police are after the lad now. He is a boy about 16 years old, who wishes to get up his name as a desperado. A short time ago he broke into a building belonging to the R. C. Mission at Lac la Nonne and stole some supplies out of it. Shortly before that he had shot and ate the horse of another Indian. It is said that he is ambitious to kill a white man.

THE telegraph line went down on Saturday night last east of Pelly and although a force of men have been at work on it ever since, it has not been got in working order yet. The line is also working very badly between Edmonton and Pelly, so that we are without our usual dispatches. Mr. Mavor, repairer, went out a few days ago on this end of the line and found everything straight, but it is supposed that the wire is grounded between Battleford and Grizzly Bear. As soon as they can be got across the Battle river, which is very high, two men will be sent west to put the line in repair as far as Grizzly Bear. One of them will remain there all summer. Mr. R. L. Tupper, manager of the line, says that he will use every effort to keep the line working between Selkirk and Pelly this season. He has been negotiating with the Great North-Western Telegraph Company with a view to selling the line to them if they would build a link from Qu'Appelle to Humboldt or the South Branch. If this were done there would be no difficulty in keeping the line up all summer.

SOUTH SIDE.

Mr. Gilbert Anderson has finished burning his lime kiln. He got through the job rather suddenly owing to the arches not being properly constructed.

Mr. Jas. Gibbons has his crop of wheat and oats in, having finished last Tuesday.

Money is very plentiful with us just now, most of us having either sold or mortgaged our land.

Wild fowl are in abundance and draw forth our mighty Nimrods, who have patented a new method of procuring those dainties, viz. trading sea, tobacco, shaganappi, &c., for them, they then promenade our avenues with the trophies of the chase and an empty gun on their shoulders.

We are being civilized rapidly, the latest novelty introduced being an open air exhibition of the manly art (?) which took place last Wednesday, the principals two of our newly acquired moss-backs. The stakes, to judge from the display of science, pluck and energy expended, must have been a couple of whitefish a side. The cause was, as usual, land. The parties who are to blame are the government for not surveying our claims—the "Canadian Dirts."

Norman Vandaille has taken up a claim on the White Mud, near the western boundary of the supposed Indian reserve.

We are short of coal oil and have taken to firing the prairie to obtain light, also hay.

We have picked upon the site for the Gov.-General's residence, when Edmonton becomes the capital of the Dominion.

Some of the settlers who have lately sold their claims are thinking of squatting on the supposed Indian reserve. Wish they would, somebody ought to get it.

Supply of hay is very scanty; about as easy to buy as diamonds.

Barley gone up another notch.

None.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Weather report for week ending Thursday evening, 20th April, 1882. Reported for the BULLETIN by Mr. Alexander Taylor, observer at Edmonton.

	Max.	Min.
Friday,	48	32
Saturday,	58	33
Sunday,	51	25
Monday,	56	26
Tuesday,	63	29
Wednesday,	51	32
Thursday,	43	27

Barometer falling.

Weather cloudy with high winds, principally from the west and north-west. Highest wind registered 23 miles on Friday and 18 on Tuesday and Thursday. About two inches of snow fell on Wednesday night.

DR. MUNRO has been appointed deputy clerk for the court of this division of the Saskatchewan district court, as the clerk, Mr. G. S. Wood will leave for Winnipeg and Quebec shortly.

DR. MUNRO,

Late House Surgeon Winnipeg General Hospital.

Office, Hudson Bay Company's buildings.

H. Y. BLEEKER,

SOLICITOR, &c.

Office at present, opposite Villiers & Pearson's store.

WOOD & LAKE,

EDMONTON, N.W.T.,

Real Estate Brokers. Correspondence solicited.

G. SLACK WOOD.

JOSEPH LAKE.

REAL ESTATE AGENCY—Parties in the East wishing to invest in Real Estate in Edmonton or vicinity will find it to their advantage to correspond with

MESSRS. MCKAY & BLAKE,
Edmonton, N.W.T.

SEED POTATOES at \$2.00 a bushel, cash, at P. HEIMINCK'S.

STRAYED on to the premises of the undersigned a dark, bay mare, scar on off hip. Three white heels. Sold by me to Van Comvald last summer. Owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses, and take the animal away.

J. YORKE.

ALL PARTIES indebted to the undersigned are requested to call and settle their accounts before the 25th inst., without further notice.

R. LOGAN.

CARTS for sale at P. HEIMINCK'S.

STOP

and consider, housekeepers, whether it is more prudent to have leaky articles of tinware in your culinary department, to those that are sound, strong and substantial.

CLAIM

to be able, as well as prepared, to guarantee satisfaction both in repairing and manufacturing, using nothing but first-class material, without

JUMPING

up the western scale of prices. Repairing a specialty. Orders promptly attended to.

JAS. ROSS, Tinsmith,
Rear of Methodist Church, Main St.

Go to P. Heiminck's for

EIGHT-DAY CLOCKS.

BANKING HOUSE

—of—

A. MACDONALD & Co., Edmonton

transact a general banking business. Deposits received and drafts issued on Battleford, Winnipeg and all points east.

A. MACDONALD & Co.

A. MACDONALD & Co.

will take all kinds of

FARM PRODUCE IN EXCHANGE FOR GOODS.

All kinds of FARMING IMPLEMENTS

at

P. HEIMINCK'S.

GENERAL NEWS.

The C. P. R. is now operated to Flat Creek. Improvements are being made in the Winnipeg post office.

Oysters are worth 40 cents a quart in St. John, New Brunswick.

A recruiting office for the Mounted Police has been opened in Toronto.

A whiskey selling druggist in Toronto displays the sign "Pharmakopelon."

Town lots at High Bluff on the C. P. R. air line sell at from \$45 to \$100 apiece.

The Canada Temperance Act has gone into operation in the county of Northumberland, N. B.

The chiefs of the Caughnawaga Indians are petitioning government for emancipation from all restraint.

The population of Toronto is 95,415, Ottawa, 27,512, London, 19,706, Hamilton, 35,961, Kingston, 16,991.

The restrictions placed upon the importation of American breeding cattle with Canada have been removed.

The Ontario Legislature has again passed the Streams Bill lately disallowed by the Dominion Government.

The shipbuilding on the Tyne last year amounted to 179,959 tons, an increase of 21,000 tons over the previous year.

Carlton Place, near Ottawa, is being built up by the Syndicate and is enjoying a boom, second only to that of Winnipeg.

Archbishop Taschereau of Quebec has issued a circular which asserts that no political party in Canada has been condemned by the Pope.

Gold quartz taken from Levant township, near Kingston, Ont., and analyzed in New York is said to yield at the rate of \$300 a ton.

The Liberals, Reformers or Grits of Ontario are preparing for the next general election by holding meetings and perfecting their organization.

The English public is now filled with alarm at the proposed tunnelling of the Channel. Two rival companies are anxious to undertake the work.

Hugh Sutherland, vice-president of the Manitoba South-Western has an interest in the Winnipeg and Hudson's Bay railway and steamship company.

A gang of choppers are to be put into the Cypress Hills at once to get out the necessary timber for bridging the South Saskatchewan for the main line of the C. P. R.

The Pacific syndicate has purchased the western branch of the Q. M. O. & O railway for \$4,000,000, with a drawback of \$400,000 for the unfinished portions of the line.

John Taylor of Headingly has commenced proceedings with a view to compel the Manitoba South-Western to place a station on the north side of the Assiniboine at Headingly.

The official report shows the number of families burned out by the Michigan bush fires last September to be 3,975, and the total loss \$2,251,565, or an average of \$732 per family.

The portion of the C. P. R. from Emory's Bar to Port Moody will cost about \$3,000,000. The total distance is 86 miles, in which there are seven tunnels with an aggregate length of 5,000 feet.

Mr. J. B. Perry and G. B. Spencer have bought the Ashdown lot, corner of Main street and Portage avenue, Winnipeg, for the sum of \$73,000 which means about \$1,400 per frontage foot.

The Czar has ordered that only wood be burned in his palace, as he has information that the other fuel intended for use there has been charged with dynamite. The Czar must have pleasant dreams.

The stations so far located and named on the line of the Manitoba South-Western Railway are Winnipeg, Murray, on Sturgeon Creek, Headingly, on the south side of the Assiniboine and Starbuck, on Stinking River.

Analla Walsh, Dominion Lands Commissioner in Winnipeg, receives a salary of \$5,000 a year. W. Pierce, Inspector of Dominion land agencies at the same place, receives \$3,000. These two gentlemen form a board of arbitration.

The New York World building was burned in January last. The estimated loss was \$1,000,000. The Scottish American Journal, Scientific American, Turf, Field and Farm, and several other newspapers which occupied the building, lost everything.

On the 6th of February, in Montreal, a man named Wm. Milligan was boiled to death in a vat of boiling soap. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to his death through the carelessness of his employer in not having a railing around the vat.

A telegram to the Globe says that Lieut.-Col. Herchmer of the Mounted Police has sent to a friend in Kingston a large nugget of gold found in the surface of the great Saskatchewan. As gold is never found in nuggets on this river—only in fine dust—there must be a mistake somewhere.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has purchased the western section, from Montreal to Ottawa, of the Quebec, Montreal and Ottawa Railway from the Quebec Government for four million dollars, less ten per cent. rebate for furnishing the line, which is one hundred and twenty miles long.

The European financial depression continues. Numerous failures are reported. The Union Generale de Paris suspended with heavy liabilities. Several failures are reported on the London and Dublin Stock Exchanges. A prominent Dublin firm of brokers went under with liabilities of £180,000, and a mercantile firm with £60,000 liabilities.

The following are the latest quotations for the principal Canadian bank stocks: Montreal, 200; Ontario, 60; Toronto, 169; Merchants, 127; Commerce, 141; Dominion, 193; Imperial, 136; Federal, 159; Standard, 113. The general opinion is, however, that most of these prices are as far above the real value as the present prices of Winnipeg town lots.

The Free Press says eight steamers are to plough Lake Winnipeg next season:—namely the Princess, the Colville, the New Brunswick, the Victoria, the Lady Ellen, the Ogema and two others not yet named one of which is being built for Messrs. R. & P. George on the bank of Red river in rear of Mr. J. H. Ashdown's residence, and the other at Grand Forks for the North-West Transportation Company.

The land boom is not confined to Manitoba: A London joint stock company, with a capital of one hundred thousand pounds, has purchased the Milleroche property opposite Rimouski, consisting of 80,000 acres, with a frontage of 10 miles on the river St. Lawrence. The company intend to carry on lumber and pulp business, and will build wharves and provide facilities for the loading of vessels. Operations will be commenced at once.

The coolest proposal yet is made by the Charlottetown, P. E. I., New Era. It seems that by the terms of confederation the Dominion government was obliged to keep up steam communication between the island and the mainland, and also that they have not been able to do so satisfactorily. Accordingly an indignation meeting was held and various projects discussed by which communication could be maintained. The New Era thinks that the proper way is to bore a tunnel from the island to the mainland, and get an "appropriation of some of the millions of acres of the North-West towards this object." It would pay the government better to bonus the population to move off.

The Winnipeg and Western Transportation Company have bought the H. B. Co's Saskatchewan steamers, Northcote and Lily, and are building in Winnipeg two other steamers which will run on the Saskatchewan next summer. They will be taken across Lake Winnipeg in sections and put together above the Grand Rapids. The North-West Transportation Company will try to bring their two boats, the Marquette and North-West, over the Rapids, and failing in this will build a new boat above the Rapids to which the machinery of one of the others will be transferred so that there is every prospect of there being five and perhaps six steamers running to Edmonton next summer. Besides these the Saskatchewan Transportation Company is organized but they have as yet given no intimation of what their intentions are.

STOP

and consider, housekeepers, whether it is more prudent to have leaky articles of tinware in your culinary department, to those that are sound, strong and substantial. I

CLAIM

to be able, as well as prepared, to guarantee satisfaction both in repairing and manufacturing, using nothing but first-class material, without

JUMPING

up the western scale of prices. Repairing a specialty. Orders promptly attended to.

JAS. ROSS, Tinsmith,
Rear of Methodist Church, Main St.

BANNATYNE & CO.,

(successors to A. G. B. Bannatyne,)

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL GROCERS
and dealers in

PROVISIONS, WINES AND LIQUORS,

292 Main St., Winnipeg.

ANDREW STRANG.

JAMES BANNATTYNE.

BANKING HOUSE

—of—

A. MACDONALD & Co., Edmonton

transact a general banking business. Deposits received and drafts issued on Battleford, Winnipeg and all points east.

A. MACDONALD & Co.

A. MACDONALD & Co.

will take all kinds of

FARM PRODUCE IN EXCHANGE FOR GOODS

WHERE TO GO

to get the best goods at the lowest prices is

BROWN & CURRIE'S

We have the largest and most complete stock in the whole North-West, and have already established beyond a doubt the reputation for selling the cheapest and best goods comprising

GROCERIES,

DRY GOODS,

READY-MADE CLOTHING,

BOOTS AND SHOES,

HARDWARE,

CROCKERY

AND FANCY GOODS

which were all purchased of the leading houses in Montreal, Hamilton and Toronto, and can now be sold at prices within reach of all. Our ready-made clothing is the best that can be produced. All selected specially by samples from the best and most reliable manufacturers in the line.

Call and judge for yourselves.

N. B.—Grain taken in exchange for goods.

BROWN & CURRY

LOCAL.

BUSINESS dull, except in real estate.

WATER in the river is low for this season.

R. JARVIS has taken a claim west of R. Logan's.

D. M. McDUGALL is erecting a butcher shop on the claim occupied by him.

Lots on the H. B. Co. reserve are now worth from \$250 to \$300 each.

WALTER's ferry scow will be ready to launch as soon as the ice goes out.

SYRUP, sugar, tobacco, evaporated apples and bacon are getting scarce in town.

NEARLY four inches of snow fell on Wednesday night, but went away on Thursday.

ABOUT three inches of snow fell on Wednesday night. It settled all the prairie fires.

T. SMITH has sold his saw mill machinery to the Sturgeon River Mill Company for \$1350.

K. A. McLEOD has sold his house and lot on the H. B. Co. property to Blake & McKay, for \$700.

A NUMBER of whirlwinds were noticed in town on Monday. These are said to indicate a dry summer.

MR. GALBRAITH has taken a claim in rear of the H. B. Co. reserve, adjoining that taken by W. J. Graham.

A. MACDONALD has purchased from P. Heiminek a lot and stable on Main street for \$500. The lot is 50x100.

THE fact of there having been little or no plowing done last fall will make this spring's seeding more tedious than usual.

SEED wheat is worth from \$3 to \$4 per bushel, barley \$2 to \$2.50, oats out of the question, and potatoes scarce at \$2 a bushel.

ALEX. DUNLOP and Frank Oliver have taken claims on the Beaver Hills about four miles south east of town on the south side of the river.

We forgot to mention last week that the name of the Prince Albert paper is to be the Prince Albert Star and North-Western Advocate.

ACCORDING to the base line survey made by M. Aldous, Edmonton is situated in township 52, range 26, west from the third principal or Battledore meridian.

There is still a considerable quantity of grain to be ground in the St. Albert settlement. The mission authorities have had none of their crop ground yet.

CAPT. DENNY, Indian Agent, is now in charge of the whole of Treaty district, No. 7. Mr. Norman McLeod, formerly in charge of the southern part of the district, has gone to Ottawa.

SANDERSON & LOOBY have purchased from J. Couture, the claim formerly owned by Alex. Taylor. It is about two miles back from town and has on it a shanty and stable. The price paid was \$150.

As Murdoch Mackenzie was crossing the river opposite the Fort on Sunday last his dog which attempted to swim after him was drawn under the ice by the current and was of course seen no more.

SEEDING was commenced in real earnest almost all over the settlement on Monday last. The ground is in good condition and there is every prospect of the coming season being in every way favorable.

THE dispute between Halpenny and Heiminek about the former's claim at Ft. Saskatchewan has been settled by Halpenny accepting the purchase money from Heiminek and giving up possession of the claim.

THE R. C. Mission of St. Albert has purchased three of the properties adjoining the Mission property to the west. The owners and prices were J. Paquette \$300; Widow Durecher, \$200; and L. Tourangeau, \$150.

THE Sturgeon River Mill Co. will erect a new dam during the coming summer. The object is to get a greater head of water, so as to drive the saw mill machinery and another run of stones, which will be added this summer.

F. SACHE has purchased J. Inkster's claim on the south side, about three miles from town, for \$150. The improvements are a set of house logs and a few furrows of breaking. It is, however, one of the best claims around Edmonton.

THE Northern lights were very brilliant on Sunday night last. The whole sky was covered with an appearance like a vast tepee, the greater part of it being white, but the lower portion towards the south and east was of a dark red color.

A. MACDONALD has purchased the lot adjoining Brown & Curry's store from Jas. Lauder for \$1,400. The lot has a frontage on Main Street of 75 feet, with a depth of 200, and has on the rear end a large feed stable which cost over \$300.

THE flume of the Sturgeon River Mill burst on Saturday last and operations had to be suspended for a few days. This was the only stoppage made, except to pick the stones, since last fall. Over 10,000 bushels of grain, mostly wheat, have been ground during that time.

ON Friday evening the shavings at the door of Wilson & Galbraith's carpenter shop took fire, it is supposed from a lighted match having been thrown carelessly among them. The fire scorched the lower part of the building and some ox vokes that were standing there, before it could be put out.

ON Tuesday forenoon last, as Frank Hart of Horse Hill Plain, was getting over a fence, he fell on the point of the broken handle or a pitch fork which was standing with the prongs stuck in the ground. The wood entered the lower portion of his body making a painful and dangerous wound.

MR. R. McKERNAN, instead of settling beside his brother James, has purchased the claims of Messrs. Hamlin and Selwyn on the south bank of the Saskatchewan, above A. Oman's place. He paid \$700 for Hamlin's and \$250 for Selwyn's place. The improvements consist of a small house and stable and about seven acres of breaking.

J. WRIGHT put in the highest tender for the claim of the deceased James R. Harris, and got it. The tender was for \$600. The claim is about five miles from town on the Ft. Saskatchewan trail. The Second Rat Creek runs through it and the Belmont school house is on it. The improvements consist of about six acres of breaking, well fenced.

DONALD McLEOD's men arrived from Bow River on Saturday last with two carts. They crossed the river on the ice at the Edmonton Mills. The tea, tobacco and most of the carts taken out were disposed of before they left Bow River. Mr. McLeod intended to come in as soon as he had disposed of the remainder of the goods taken out. On the trip out he arrived at the Elbow two days after the carts. While they were at Calgary there were several snow storms, but the snow did not lie. Spring seeding was well advanced before they left, nearly all the oats having been sown already. The Elbow river was open, but the Bow, Red Deer and Battle rivers were crossed on the ice on the return trip, although it was unsafe. Water in the creeks was low for this time of the year.

ONE of the steamers now being built at Winnipeg by the Winnipeg and Western Transportation Co., for use on the Saskatchewan, will be 200 feet long and will carry from 700 to 800 tons. The engines will be 250 horse power and the cylinders will have a six foot stroke. The machinery and upper works will be fitted in Winnipeg but will be sent separately to the end of the portage above the Grand Rapids. The boat will be towed up the Rapids. It is thought that within three weeks after the arrival of the boat over the rapids she will be ready for her up trip. The company will not guarantee to put freight through to Edmonton, but express themselves as fully confident of being able to do so. They claim to be able to land freight even at the lowest stages of water at Gabriel's crossing of the South Branch, which is about 450 miles from Edmonton.

A RUMOR took place on Wednesday last on the south side of the river between M. Bredin and A. V. Anderson, about the location of their respective line fences. It seems that the claim purchased lately by Bredin joined one owned by M. Mackenzie, which he has sold to Anderson. The former owner of Bredin's claim had laid down a line of rails around what he considered as his place, part of which Mackenzie thought was his; and after Bredin had taken possession he also laid down a line of rails which inclosed a corner

of Bredin's fencing. Bredin forbade him, but Mackenzie took no notice, and shortly afterwards sold the claim to Anderson. Mackenzie put up his fence which of course inclosed part of Bredin's rails. The trouble on Wednesday was caused by Anderson and Mackenzie attempting to throw Bredin's rails out of their field, and Bredin filing an objection thereto in person. In the conflict which took place Bredin is said to have been victorious.

JUST ARRIVED

The largest stock of

READY-MADE CLOTHING

yet brought into the City of Edmonton, and marked down at prices to suit the times

Call, see and be convinced.

BOY'S SUITS, all sizes and prices.

OVERCOATS all sizes and prices

MEN'S SUITS all sizes and prices.

OVERCOATS all sizes and prices

A large lot of

HEAVY TWEEDED SHIRTS

very cheap. Call early and secure bargain

A large stock of

GENT'S WINTER UNDER CLOTHING

LADIES' MANTLES,

superior in quality and very cheap

A fresh lot

TEAS AND OTHER GROCERIES

Stock in other lines well assorted

A. MACDONALD & CO.

THE EDMONTON BULLETIN

is published every Saturday morning at the office, Main Street, Edmonton.

Subscription price, \$2.00 for 26 issues, or six months.

Advertising rates: Five lines, three insertions, \$1.00; Transient advertisements, four cents a line each insertion.

Season advertisements \$1.00 per line.

NOTICE.

The present volume of the BULLETIN will end with our next issue. The publication of the paper will be continued for another period of six months. Parties wishing to subscribe should do so at once.

OLIVER & DUNLOP,
Proprietors.

EDMONTON BULLETIN, APRIL 22, 1882.

SURVEYS.

Our telegrams of last week speak of an immense district of country to be surveyed at once along the line of the C. P. R., and of the intention of the Government to keep a large number of surveyors at work during next winter in this district. It was thought when the unpleasant occurrences of last winter, in regard to the ownership of land here, took place, that the Government would see fit to settle the matter by having the lands surveyed and allotted at once. This, however, does not now appear to be the intention. The whole summer at least must be passed in uncertainty, and the promise that surveyors will work here next winter, does not mean anything, for in the nature of things they cannot work in that season, it being impossible to drive stakes or build mounds to define the work done. At least, so far in the history of the North-West, the only occupation Government surveyors ever found in the winter was to eat Government grub and draw Government pay for doing so.

Why is it that the barren plains around the Elbow of the South Branch where not a living soul exists at present, should be surveyed in preference to the fertile country along the North Saskatchewan? If it is worth while to survey land for settlers who are about to come in, is it not as well worth while to survey the land of those who are already in whose labor has made the land valuable and whose reward for years of hardship, danger and toil, is only to be had in the value of that land? It is certainly hard, after facing every privation that man can endure that they should be kept out of the possession of the land they have worked for years and years after hundreds and thousands of others who have never faced the tenth of the hardship these have done, have their title deeds in their pockets. It is a fact that since Manitoba has been open for settlement a man could have qualified on three homesteads in that province, have sold out and come here, and now be in a position to get his title as soon as those who have been settled here all that time, and this has been done by two governments who have professed that their sole wish in regard to the North-West was that it should be taken up and cultivated by actual settlers—this is the encouragement they have given those settlers.

The evils of uncertainty in regard to the ownership and location of land will be felt more strongly during the coming season than they have been at any time past. Even now extravagant prices are being paid for land, and disputes of all kinds are arising every day, although the immigration for the season has not yet commenced. People are paying thousands of dollars for what they may be deprived of either by a legal quibble or by the direct action of the Government. It may be said that they should not purchase under such circumstances, but if no trans-

fers of land can be made, or any secure titles given, the country cannot go ahead to anything like the extent that it would if the land was surveyed and everything in proper shape. To not allow the surveys to be made is equal to a declaration on the part of the Government that it is not their wish that the country should prosper, or that settlers should come into it. It looks as though they would rather have people settle at present on the barren plains along the C.P.R.—land that no one would have if the rest of the country were opened up—so that in the future when all the land in the North-West had advanced in price this best part could be thrown open and immense sums realized from it. There is something besides ignorance to be blamed for the land question not being settled here long before this time. The members of the Government of course, have not actually seen the position of affairs in the country, but all kinds of officials, from Lieutenant-Governors down, have, and have given a united voice as to the urgent necessity of surveys being made, so that the apathy of the Government in the matter can only proceed from a desire to deal unfairly by this part of the territory and the people of it, or if not from the most utter carelessness of facts and consequences.

The lack of surveys may and probably will retard the progress of this country somewhat, but it is impossible for it to be retarded to an extent that will assist either Government or private speculation. The soil and climate, the timber and minerals necessary to make a country are all here, and people will come, trusting either to the justice of the Government or their own strength to secure their rights. There is a large population here now, all in the same position, and every man who comes before the survey, is another one to stand up for his own and his neighbor's rights. If the surveys are delayed much longer the Government may find it a difficult and dangerous matter to interfere with anything that these people may be pleased to consider as their rights.

THE MISSION PROPERTY.

To the Editor of the BULLETIN.

SIR.—In your issue of March 4th I see a notice signed by Donald Ross, wherein said D. Ross makes known his intentions to claim part of the Methodist Mission property at Edmonton. I also learn from earlier BULLETINS that other parties have attempted to erect buildings upon and otherwise appropriate portions of the same property.

Herewith I give notice that it is our intention to hold our Mission property at Edmonton, and as it was first located, built upon and occupied by the Rev. Geo. McDougall—said location situate immediately east of and adjoining H. B. Company's block of land and extending from the Saskatchewan River on the south to an indefinite distance on the north, the latter point to be determined at such time as government surveys may take place.

In this we feel we are not interfering with any one's just interest, and are confident we will be sustained in this matter not only by the whole Methodist Church in the Dominion but also by all true men, lovers of fair play and justice.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN McDUGALL,

Chairman of Methodist Missions, Saskatchewan District.

Morley, March 20th, 1882.

A CEMETERY.

To the Editor of the BULLETIN.

SIR.—It is quite time that the inhabitants of Edmonton arranged for a Public Cemetery. Delay will cause increased trouble, and perhaps expense. Will you please bring this matter to the notice of our people.

Yours,

WM. NEWTON,

Canon, etc

EDMONTON HOTEL.

The Pioneer House of Entertainment west of Portage la Prairie.

Pemmican and dried buffalo meat has long been a stranger at the table, and its place has been taken by substantial more in keeping with the onward march of civilization.

A cosy billiard room, where the Edmonton coal can be seen burning to advantage.

Good stabling attached.

DONALD ROSS, Proprietor

WHERE TO GO

to get the best goods at the lowest prices is

BROWN & CURRIE'S;

We have the largest and most complete stock in the whole North-West, and have already established beyond a doubt the reputation for selling the cheapest and best goods comprising

GROCERIES,

DRY GOODS,

READY-MADE CLOTHING,

BOOTS AND SHOES,

HARDWARE,

CROCKERY

AND FANCY GOODS

which were all purchased of the leading houses in Montreal, Hamilton and Toronto and can now be sold at prices within reach of all. Our ready-made clothing is the best that can be produced. All selected specially by samples from the best and most reliable manufacturers in the line.

Call and judge for yourselves.

N. B.—Grain taken in exchange for goods.

BROWN & CURRY

P. HEIMINCK'S,

Edmonton and Ft. Saskatchewan, is the place to go for

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING,

GROCERIES, PROVISIONS,

HARDWARE, ETC.

MULHOLLAND BROS.,

323, Main Street, Winnipeg.

HARDWARE.

Builders' Supplies, Mill Supplies, Belting, Lace Leather, Oils and Stoves.

Agents for the Washburne Manufacturing Company.

Galvanized, Steel Barbed Fence Wire.

BEEF FOR SALE

BY THE

CUT OR CARCASE

AT THE MARKET HOUSE,

at lowest rates for cash or grain.

D. M. McDUGALL,

Beef Contractor

BUTTER BOWLS at Frank Oliver's.